

## Wednesday, September 13th, 2017



11am - 12pm

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### Microfilm isn't everything: Remember these Strategies for Success

#### **Getting Started**

- Write down what you know about every family member.
- Use pedigree charts and family group sheets to stay organized.
- Work backwards: Use what you know to frame your tree.
- <u>Use what you don't know</u> your gaps as your guide.
- Focus on one question one gap at a time. Seriously.
- <u>Contact people</u> who may know more than you Older relatives, friends of the family, and of course, librarians. <u>Ask for help</u>.



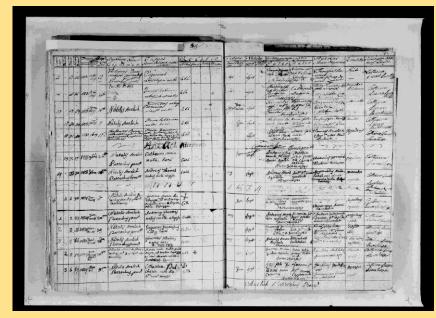
# Search Smarter, not Harder!

#### **Finding Records**

- Records are organized by place, period, and type.
- Learn what kind of resources are available.
   No one website, book, or newspaper will have all your answers.

#### **Be Flexible and Open**

- Be open to other possibilities than the ones you have always known or believed.
- <u>Cast a wide net</u>. If age or spelling doesn't match, but name and place are close, <u>hold</u> <u>on to the record</u> until you can prove or disprove it.
- Learn. Learn. Learn.



Karina's Hard Lesson --

"The Benvenuti Rule":

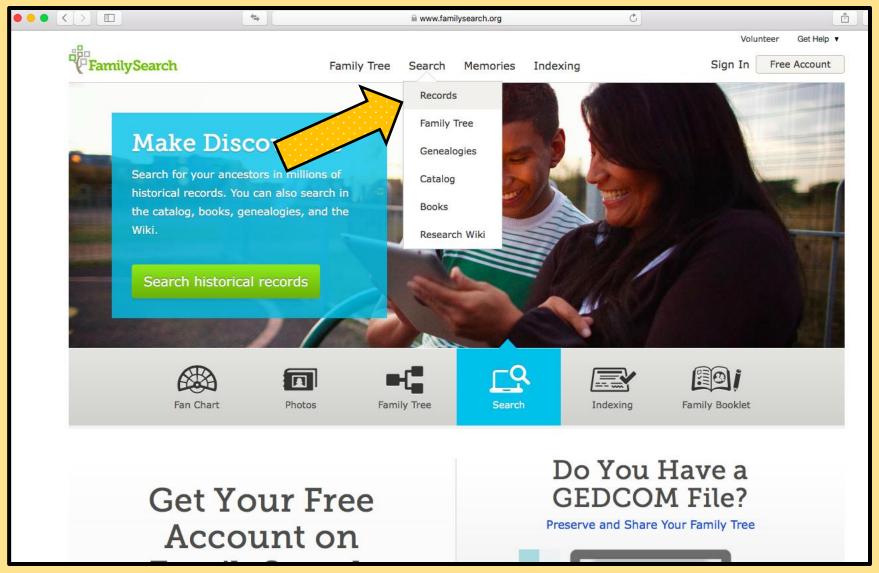
An Italian surname does not mean a family was from Italy.



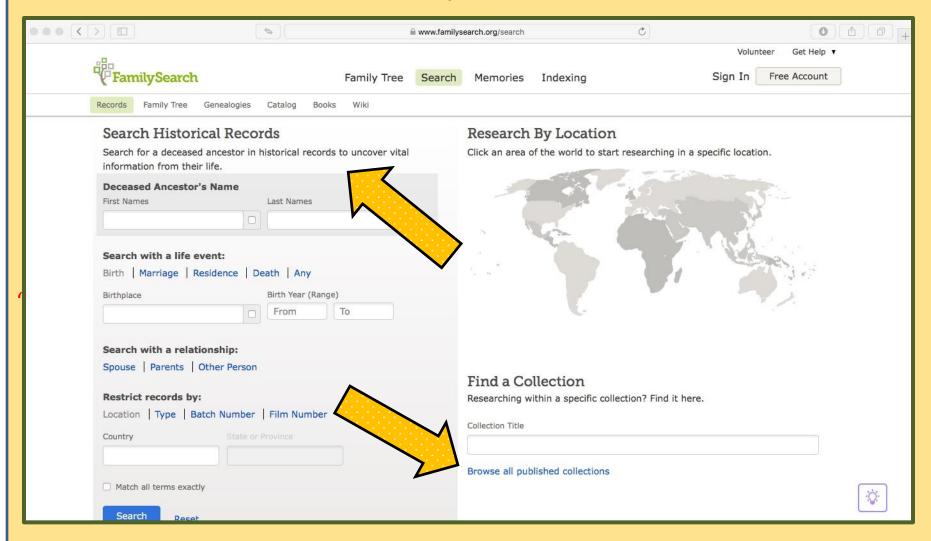
No one website has every record. You have to look at dozens, perhaps hundreds of websites and resources to find your fact. Always start with what's free.



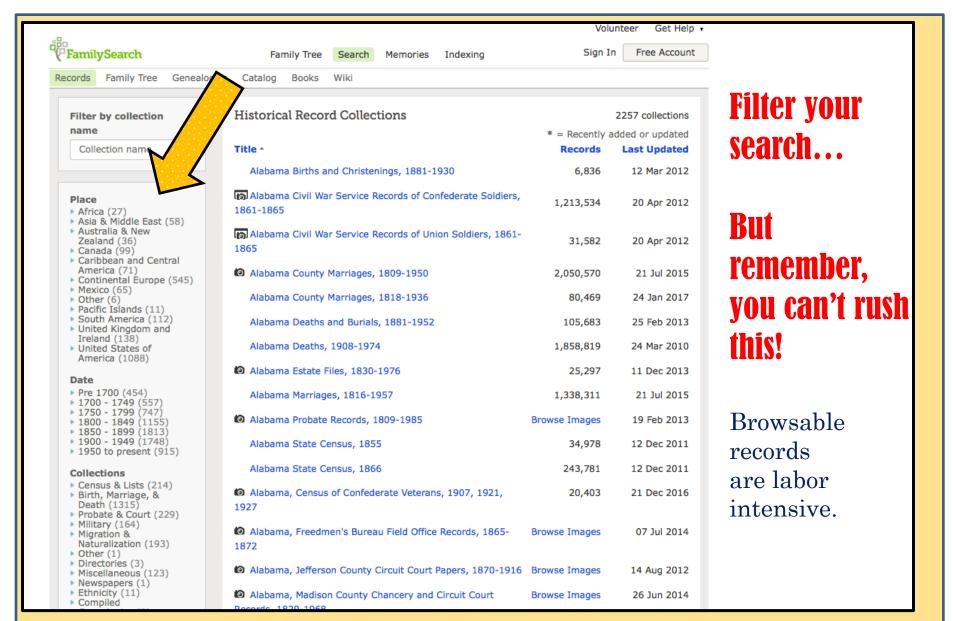
### Starting with FamilySearch.org



#### "Search Historical Records" = Only what has been indexed.



"Browse all published collections" = What has been digitized.



California, San Diego Passenger Lists, 1904-1952	70,546	28 Jul 2017
California, San Diego, Airplane Passenger and Crew Lists, 1929-1954	40,536	01 Oct 2015
California, San Diego, Chinese Passenger and Crew Lists, 1905-1923	1,807	13 Sep 2016
California, San Francisco Airplane Arrival Card Index, 1936-1949	11,356	10 Feb 2016
California, San Francisco Area Funeral Home Records, 1835-1979	93,871	07 Jan 2014
California, San Francisco County Records, 1824-1997	168,674	16 May 2016
California, San Francisco Passenger Lists, 1893-1953	1,188,641	09 Apr 2015
California, San Francisco Passenger and Crew Lists of Vessels Arriving, 1954-1957	366,640	22 Feb 2016
California, San Francisco, Immigration Office Special Inquiry Records, 1910-1941	66,304	28 Jul 2017
California, San Francisco, Register of Chinese Immigrant Court Cases and Foreign Seamen Tax Cards, 1883-1924	9,914	18 Jan 2017
California, San Francisco, World War I Enemy Alien Registration Affidavits, 1918	6,545	20 Dec 2012
California, San Joaquin, County Public Library Obituary Index, 1850-1991	98,787	14 May 2012
California, San Mateo County Records, 1851-1991	14,144	04 Apr 2017
California, San Mateo County, Colma, Italian Cemetery Records, 1899-2011	Browse Images	03 Nov 2014
California, San Pedro, Immigration Office Special Inquiry Records, 1930-1936	2,722	23 Feb 2016
California, Southern District Court (Central) Naturalization Index, 1915- 1976	562,928	15 Feb 2013

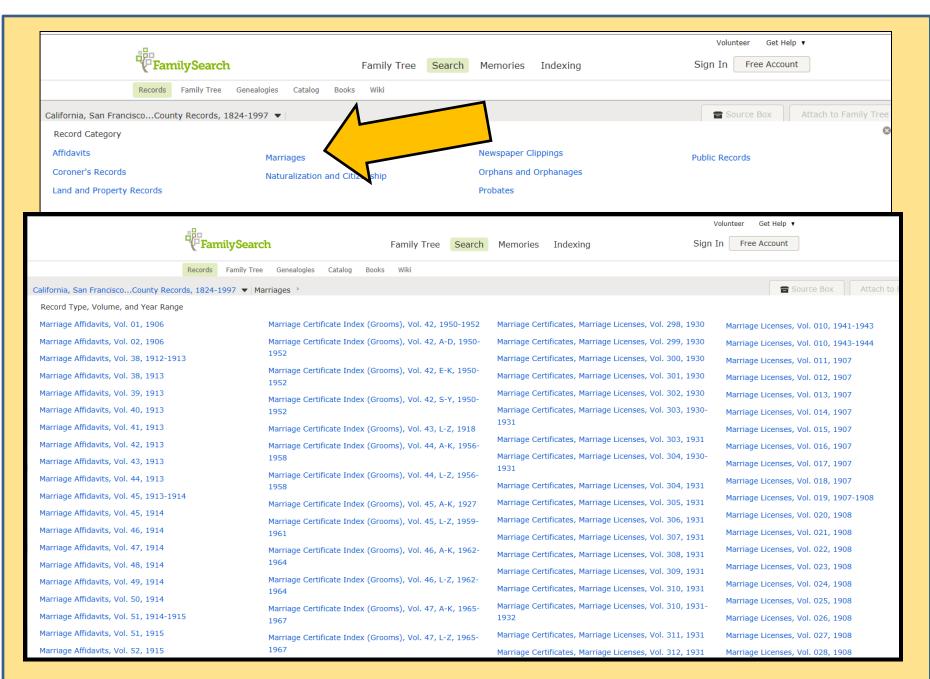
Browse all published collections.

Scroll down to California.

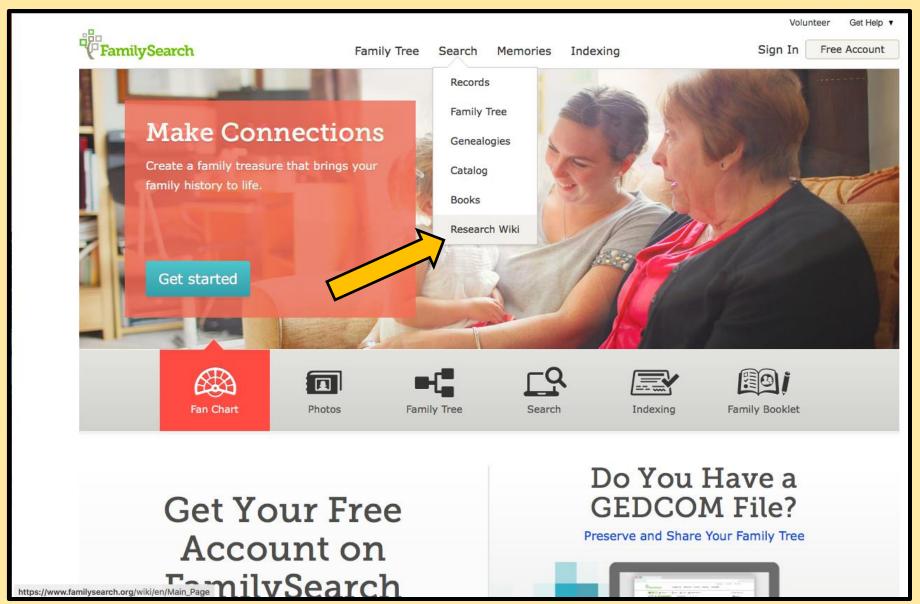
Note: SF County Records has a cool 168,674 records.

But wait....





There is so much more to this website. Explore the RESEARCH WIKI for everything.

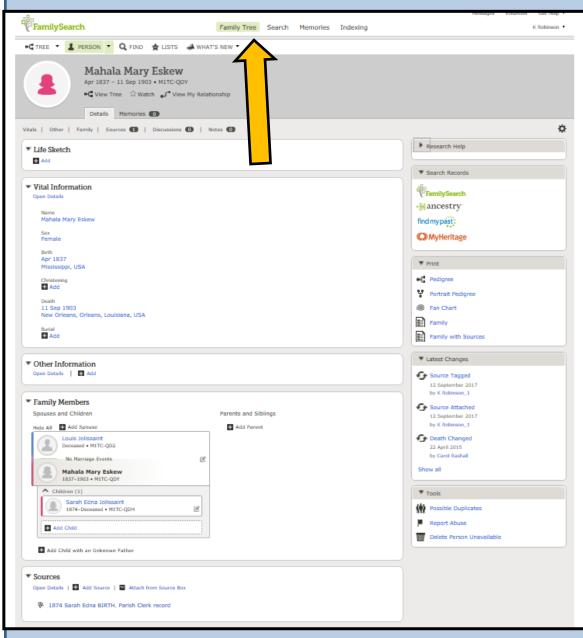


# Family Search Wiki: Where was the person? Always start every new search with PLACE.



# Place can mean many things. Search all location levels (Country, state, city, town, parish). Don't forget to look at the online records, too!

To request editing rights on the Wiki, ollok here. Ireland Genealogy Historic Ireland (pre-1922) Wiki Topics Guide to Ireland anoestry, family history, and genealogy: birth records, marriage records, death records, census records, parish registers, and military records. Beginning Research Country Information Record Finder Today the Island of Ireland is divided into two countries: (1) the Republic of Ireland, also known as Éire and (2) Northern Ireland, one of the four constituent countries of the United Kingdom (together with England, Scotland, and Wales). Prior to 1922 the Island of Ireland was one country. The language most widely spoken is English. [1] Record Types Cemeteries Naturalization & Citizenship Getting Started Census Newspapers Church Directories Nobility Church Records Occupations Getting Started with Ireland Research Ireland Research Tools Civil Registration Online Records Links to articles on getting started with Ireland research Links to articles and websites that assist in Ireland research Court Records Periodicals "How to" Guides Rootsirelands posted 32,000 baptism records for County Monaghan. Directories . Poorhouses, Poor Law, Etc. How to find Birth information National Archives of Ireland 
 ⊕ Digitized Irish census records, 1901 and 1911. · Emigration & Immigration Probate Records . How to find Marriage Information Clare Library - transcriptions of Tithe Applotment Books, gravestone inscriptions with photographs Genealogy Record Loss How to find Death/Burlal Information Ancestry.com p - (8) has indexed the National Library of Ireland's p collection of online Roman Heraldry · Religious Records Immigration Help Catholic parish registers, over 25 million records. Land & Property School Records · Research Strategies The Three Cs of Irish Research: Civil Registration, Church Records, and Census® Military Records Taxation Breaking Down Your Irish Brick Wall: Irish Estate Records € . Websites History of Epidemics in Great Britaing Ireland Background Some Lesser Known Irish Resources Biography Maps Church History Names Personal Gazetteers . For Further Reading Ack the History Online Records Languages Ethnicity Ireland Clickable Map Jewish Records The map below shows the whole of Ireland. The six counties of Northern Ireland are divided from the rest by a heavy black line Local Research Resources Archives & Libraries Societies . Family History Centers of Northern Ireland Wiki Topics (post-1922) Record Types Cemeteries District Registrers Probate Records



Look at what has already been done.

#### **SEARCH FAMILY TREE!**

Family Search has millions of Family
Trees that may contain the source material you need to complete your tree.

You will need to create a login to view these.

**Example: Mahala Mary Eskew** 

# Search the Catalog to see what resources are available in various formats (Films, Books, Maps, online resources).



Family Tree

Wiki

Search

Memories Indexing

Sign In

Free Account

FamilySearch Catalog

Family Tree

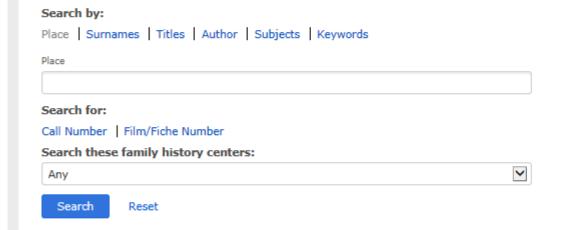
Search the catalog of genealogical materials (including books, online materials, microfilm, microfiche, and publications) made available by FamilySearch online and in libraries and centers worldwide.

Books

Catalog

Learn more about the catalog and how to access materials.

Genealogies



When in doubt, give a shout out...
to the catalog!

Other Catalogs to Consider:

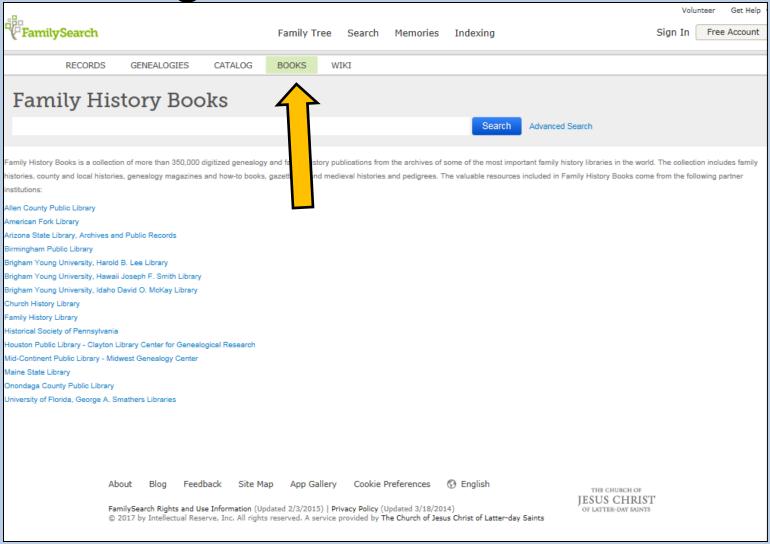


WorldCat is the world's largest network of library content and services. WorldCat libraries are dedicated to providing access to their resources on the web, where most people start their search for information.



ArchiveGrid is a collection of nearly two million archival material descriptions, including MARC records from WorldCat and finding aids harvested from the web.

# Don't Forget: Search Digitized Books and Newsletters



# **Priority Digitization List**

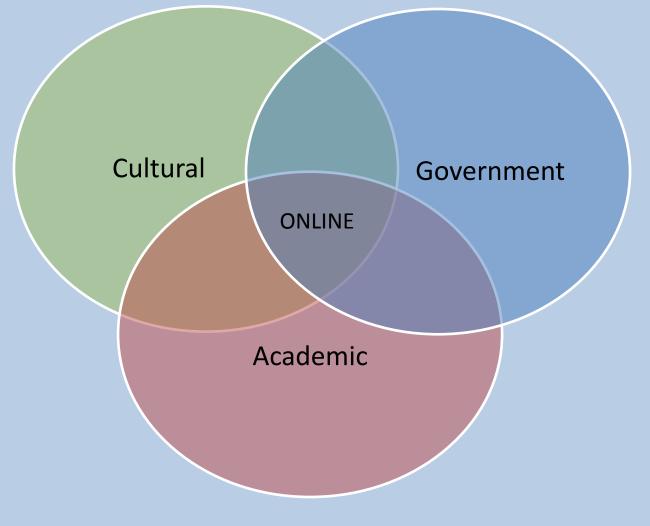
Call Family Search Support if you absolutely need a film digitized.

Tel: 1-866-406-1830

Have the film number and film title at hand before you call.

Now, here's Dvorah...

# **Additional Resources**



### Government Online Resources

#### Federal

- National Archives (NARA) <u>www.nara.gov</u>
- Library of Congress (LoC) <u>www.loc.gov</u>
- National Park Service (NPS) www.nps.gov

#### State

- State Archives <u>www.sos.ca.gov/archives/</u>
- State Library <u>www.library.ca.gov</u>

#### Local

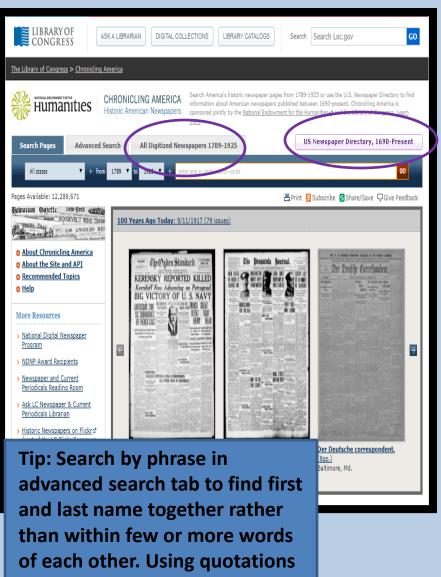
- Office of County Clerk <u>sfgov.org/countyclerk/</u>
- Office of County Assessor-Recorder <u>www.sfassessor.org</u>







## Library of Congress

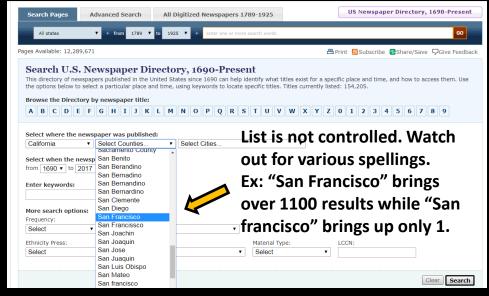


around name in basic search will

not bring up the same results.

#### ChroniclingAmerica.loc.gov

- Digitized Newspapers
  - 1789 1925
  - Over 2,300 papers digitized
  - Full text searchable
- Newspaper Directory
  - 1690 Present
  - Over 154,000 titles indexed
  - Holdings information



### Academic Online Resources

- Scholarly databases
  - JURN www.jurn.org (open access)
  - Google Scholar <u>scholar.google.com</u>
- University digital libraries
  - HathiTrust www.hathitrust.org
  - UCLA digital2.library.ucla.edu

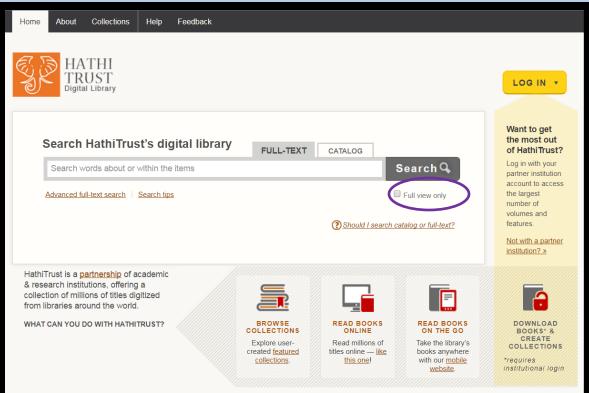






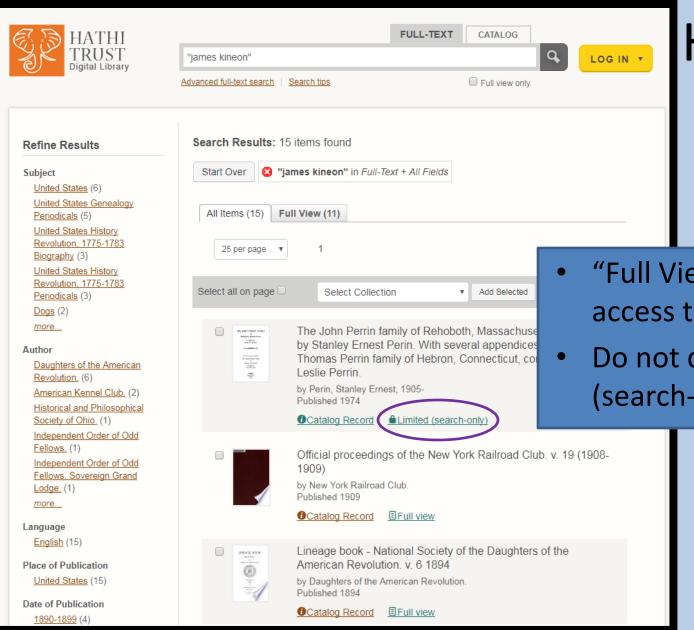


### HathiTrust



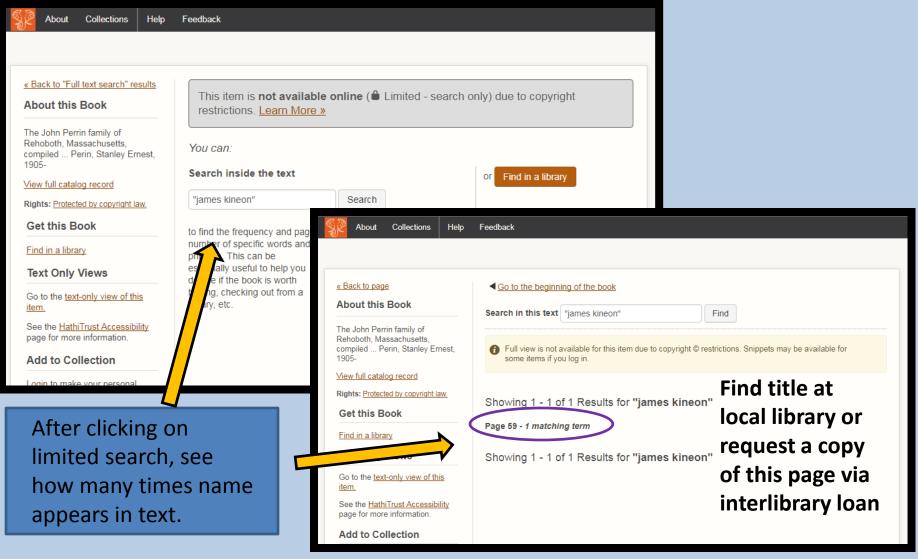
#### www.hathitrust.org

- Full-Text
  - Searches all text
  - Uncheck "Full view only" (default it is checked)
  - Specificity narrows results
- Catalog
  - Searches only descriptive fields, e.g. title and author
  - Good for searching known items



- "Full View" = immediate access to digital copy
- Do not discount "limited (search-only)"

### HathiTrust



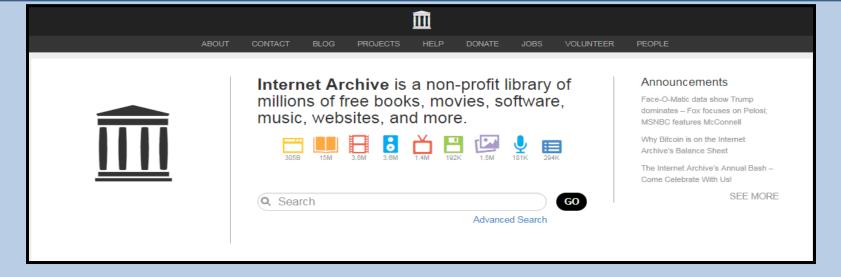
### Other Cultural Resources Online

- Digital Library of America dp.la
- Local public libraries, e.g. SFPL <u>sfpl.org</u>
- Online Archive of California www.oac.cdlib.org
- Calisphere <u>calisphere.org</u>
- Internet Archive <u>archive.org</u>





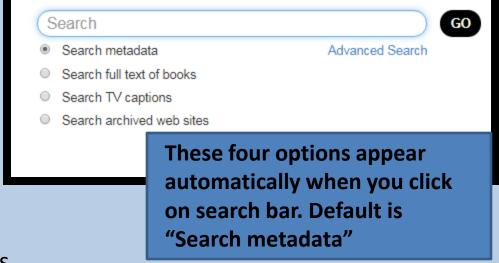


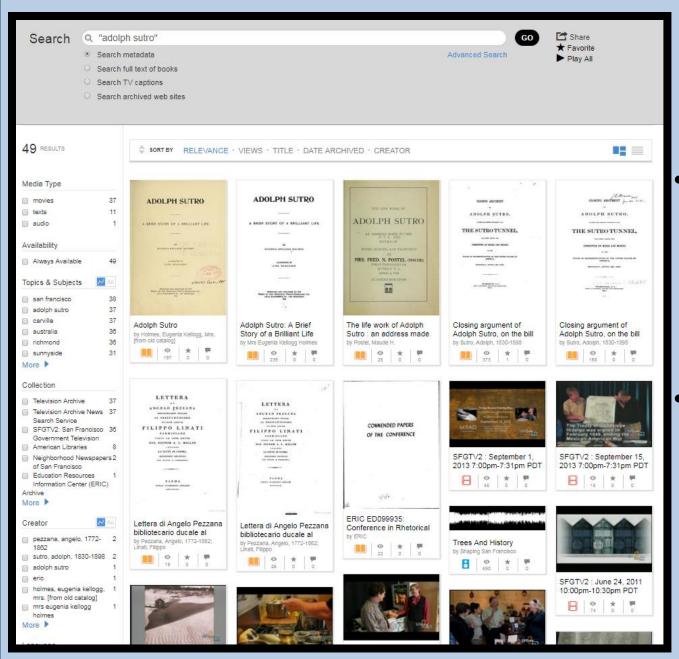


#### Internet Archive

### archive.org

- Full text searchable
- Great for searching:
  - Surnames
  - Local histories
  - Genealogy publications
  - Audio files and videos
  - Blogs and other web ephemera

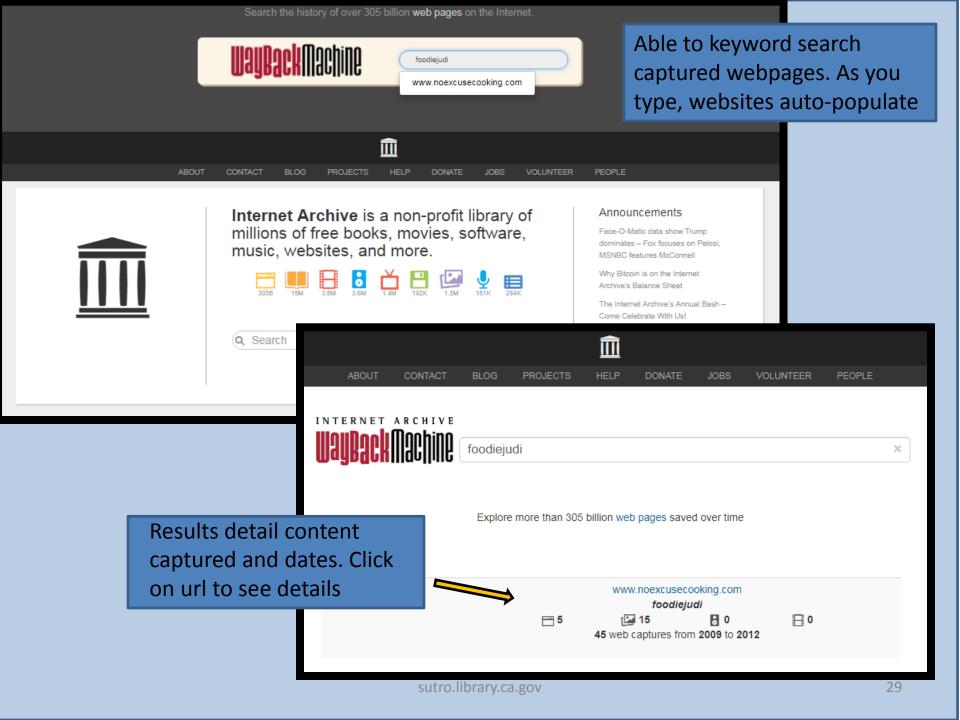


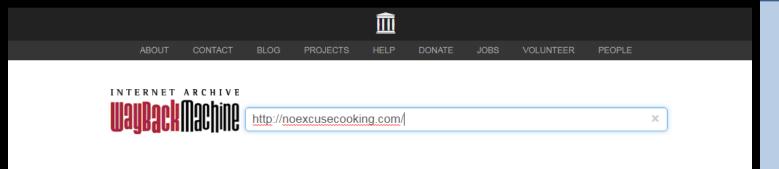




#### Filter by:

- Media type,
   Collection,
   Subjects, creators
- Fields in order of usefulness
- Metadata often
   not complete. Tip:
   hover mouse over
   thumbnail for
   more description

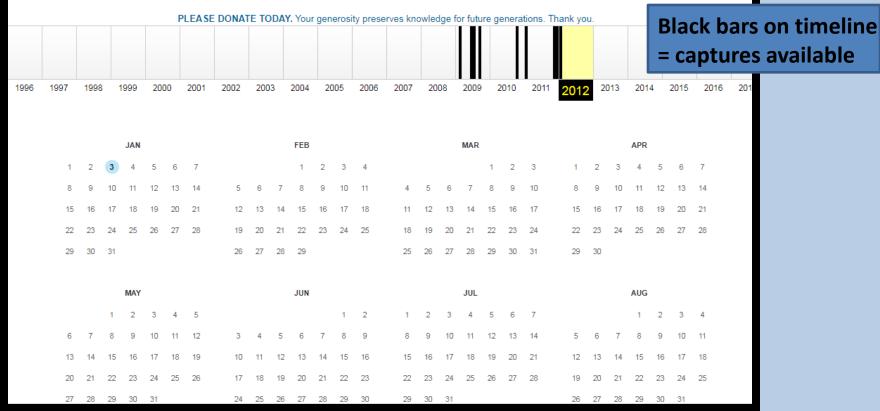


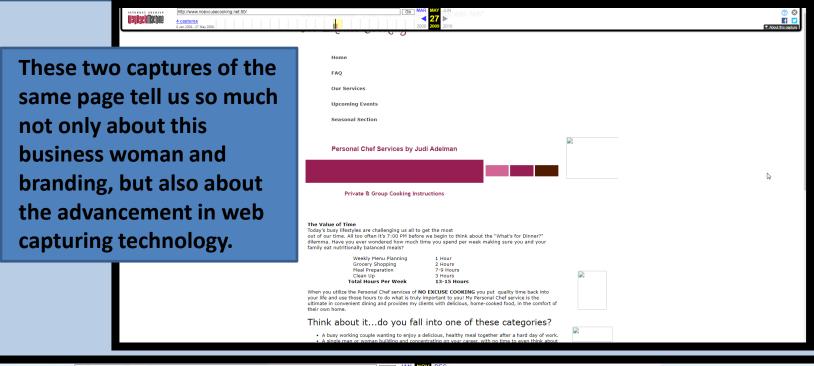


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#### Summary of noexcusecooking.com









## Sutro Highlights



- Family Histories and Local Histories (CS71!)
- 2. Surname & Locality Card Catalog (indexes Sutro coll.)
- 3. City directories (including lesser known cities)
- 4. Lineage Society Publications (DAR, Mayflower, etc.)
- 5. Special Collections (India Trade registers, clothing and furniture catalogs, plantation reports, etc.)
- 6. Additional California State Library location in Sacramento with a focus on California genealogy!

# Thank you

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